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CLAIMS

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[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] A program selection means to choose a playback program, and the contents read-out means of record which usually reads the contents of record from a record medium above \*\*\*\* of reproduction speed, A contents distribution means of record to distribute said read contents of record according to a program, The program regenerative apparatus characterized by having a program playback means to generate a playback picture signal based on said distributed contents of record, and a video-signal output means to generate the video signal which carries out coincidence playback from said generated playback picture signal to in the same screen area.

[Claim 2] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 1 characterized by outputting the playback picture signal which performed screen size modification processing which distributed the contents of record to the program playback means which it has according to a program with the contents distribution means of record, reproduced the single contents of record within the each playback means of said program, and was doubled with the distribution number.

[Claim 3] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 1 which distributes the contents of record according to a program with the contents distribution means of record, carries out time sharing of the regeneration within a program playback means, and is characterized by outputting the playback picture signal which performed screen size modification processing which reproduced the single contents of record within division time amount, and was doubled with the distribution number.

[Claim 4] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 2 or 3 characterized by considering read-out of the contents of record to the program which is not chosen from the contents read-out means of record as a halt when reproducing two or more programs to coincidence and playback by the independent display of a specific program is chosen by the program selection means.

[Claim 5] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 2 or 3 characterized by canceling the display of the program which changed the number of screen separation in accordance with the remaining numbers of coincidence playbacks, and the video-signal output means ended by detecting termination of the program which the contents distribution means of record is reproducing in case two or more programs are reproduced to coincidence.

[Claim 6] It is the program regenerative apparatus according to claim 2 or 3 which the contents distribution means of record will suspend other read-out and distributions which are not chosen, and will be characterized by for a video-signal output means to output only the video signal of the selected program if the specific display screen is chosen with a program selection means while the contents read-out means of record reads to the count coincidence of plurality and is being reproduced with the fixed time interval to the same program.

[Claim 7] A program selection means to choose a playback program, and the contents read-out means of record which usually reads the contents of record from a record medium above \*\*\*\* of reproduction speed, A contents distribution means of record to distribute said read contents of record according to a program, The program regenerative apparatus characterized by having a

program voice playback means to generate a playback sound signal based on said distributed contents of record, and a sound signal output means to output the sound signal which considered said generated playback sound signal as the input, and performed an output setup. [Claim 8] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 7 characterized by distributing the contents of record to the program voice playback means which it has according to a program with the contents distribution means of record, and performing playback from the single contents of record within the each voice playback means of said program.

[Claim 9] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 7 characterized by the contents distribution means of record distributing the contents of record according to a program, and carrying out time sharing of the regeneration within a program voice playback means, generating each playback sound signal from the single contents of record within division time amount, and confirming only said playback sound signal over a specific program.

[Claim 10] It is the program regenerative apparatus according to claim 8 or 9 characterized by changing to the voice output of the program which the contents distribution means of record stopped read-out and distribution of the contents of record which were not chosen temporarily, and canceled the voice output from a sound signal output means when having reproduced two or more programs to coincidence and independent playback of a specific program was chosen by the program selection means, and was chosen.

[Claim 11] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 1 or 7 which has the program recording information for every program in a record medium, generates No. two or more group playback list from said program recording information in order to carry out coincidence playback of two or more programs as which the program selection means was chosen, and is characterized by said thing [ having been generated ] which read two or more two or more contents of program record from the contents read-out means of record according to a program playback list.

[Claim 12] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 1 with which it has the program recording information for every program in a record medium, and a program selection means is characterized by that display image information is the same or choosing the program of the number of specification sequentially from a similar program with reference to said program recording information from among the programs recorded on the record medium.

[Claim 13] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 7 with which it has the program recording information for every program in a record medium, and a program selection means is characterized by that speech compression information is the same or choosing the program of the number of specification sequentially from a similar program with reference to said program recording information from among the programs recorded on the record medium.

[Claim 14] The program regenerative apparatus according to claim 7 with which it has the program recording information for every program in a record medium, and a program selection means is characterized by that voice output information is the same or choosing the program of the number of specification sequentially from a similar program with reference to said program recording information from among the programs recorded on the record medium.

[Claim 15] It is the program playback approach which reproduces two or more programs to coincidence at the time of playback of the record medium which recorded the contents of record about a program. Determine coincidence playback conditions, such as the number of programs reproduced to coincidence, read the contents of record of No. two or more grouping, and said contents of record are distributed according to a program. The program playback approach which generates each regenerative signal according to the contents of record divided according to the program, and is characterized by considering said regenerative signal as an input in each, and generating an output signal according to said coincidence playback conditions.

[Claim 16] The program playback approach according to claim 15 which has the program recording information for every program in a record medium, generates No. two or more group playback list of [ for carrying out coincidence playback of two or more programs from said program recording information ], and is characterized by said thing [ having been generated ] which read two or more contents of record according to a program playback list.

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the program regenerative apparatus and the program playback approach of reproducing No. two or more group on the same screen to coincidence at the time of playback of the record medium which recorded the program etc. according to the program.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] In recent years, a video signal and sound signals, such as a program, are recorded on a record medium, and the video tape recorder (Following VTR and abbreviation) etc. has spread as a program regenerative apparatus which reproduces the recorded program. Moreover, the image by the compression signal etc. can be recorded now on record media, such as a hard disk and an optical disk, with increase of recording density. With VTR, after receiving a program and recording on a magnetic tape, the signal recorded on the magnetic tape is read and a record program is reproduced. Moreover, although invention which records at coincidence two or more data generated in coincidence on one record tape, and is reproduced by coincidence in the combination of arbitration from two or more data currently recorded is also devised, it is difficult to reproduce to coincidence the data recorded separately in the combination of arbitration in this invention.

[0003] Then, two or more data-logging regenerative apparatus (not shown) indicated by JP,10-327383,A is devised as equipment for reproducing two or more data of arbitration. Regeneration of this two or more data-logging regenerative apparatus prepares \*\*\*\* of two memory for every program data used by turns, in order to reproduce two or more program data using record media, such as DVD-RAM whose R/W is possible repeatedly, in the disk called DVD (Digital Versatile Disc) which is the media which compress a video signal etc. highly and can be recorded on high density. The read-out section of data and the beginning section to a regenerative circuit are prepared in coincidence playback of two or more program data. And from the location of the arbitration of a record medium, the clock timing more than the number of coincidence playbacks is generated, and coincidence playback of two or more data of arbitration is performed by writing out and transmitting data to a regenerative circuit from 1 more set of memory which reads into the group Mino memory of 1 in all way, and is not data read into the timing.

[0004] Moreover, in the example of the above-mentioned official report, it also has a means to record No. two or more group on coincidence, No. two or more group can be recorded to a record medium in accordance with the clock timing more than the number of coincidence records, and playback of two or more programs of arbitration is enabled from two or more programs written in this coincidence.

[0005]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, in two or more data playbacks of arbitration, using 2-set Mino memory, the above-mentioned conventional configuration generated the clock timing more than the number of coincidence playbacks, and was performing read-out of data and the beginning to a display circuit. This was not a thing in consideration of the playback of No. two or more group which consists of a video signal with which the amounts of

record signals per unit time amount differ (a compression method differs from the rate of a compression ratio), but was what aims at two or more program playbacks of arbitration to coincidence from two or more programs which recorded by the chart lasting time by the same clock timing to two or more programs in the time of record like the above-mentioned official report. therefore, when it is highly minute, long duration record is performed with a program with many amounts of record signals per unit time amount and a program with few amounts of record signals per unit time amount etc. is reproduced to coincidence according to the program to record In read-out of the data which consist of clock timing which consists more than of the number of coincidence playbacks, the lack of read-out of data required of one side etc. might occur, and there was a trouble that application was difficult in two or more coincidence playback of the program from which the amount of record signals per unit time amount differs.

[0006] This invention solves the above-mentioned conventional trouble, and a program reproducible to coincidence is chosen from two or more programs which are [ rate / of a compression ratio / which was recorded on the record medium ] different. In order [ which read each contents of record of each to separate timing, and distributed the contents of record according to the program ] to perform elongation playback of a compression signal to a record program respectively, A user does not take into consideration the rate of a record compression ratio etc., but \*\* is also aimed at offering the equipment which planned the convenience which can perform playback which does not overlook a specific scene etc., watching two or more programs of arbitration to coincidence.

[0007]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The program regenerative apparatus of this invention for attaining this purpose A program selection means to choose a playback program, and the contents read-out means of record which usually reads the contents of record from a record medium above \*\*\*\* of reproduction speed, A contents distribution means of record to distribute said read contents of record according to a program, A program playback means to generate a playback picture signal based on said distributed contents of record, Consist of a video-signal output means to generate the video signal which carries out coincidence playback in the same screen area from said generated playback picture signal, and a playback program is chosen from two or more programs. Since the video signal projected in the same screen from the result which distributed the contents of record according to the program of having performed elongation playback of a record program respectively is outputted, the program regenerative apparatus which can carry out the playback check of the No. two or more group in the same screen at coincidence can be offered.

[0008]

[Embodiment of the Invention] A program selection means by which invention of the 1st of this invention chooses a playback program, and the contents read-out means of record which usually reads the contents of record from a record medium above \*\*\*\* of reproduction speed, A contents distribution means of record to distribute said read contents of record according to a program, It is a thing equipped with a program playback means to generate a playback picture signal based on said distributed contents of record, and a video-signal output means to generate the video signal which carries out coincidence playback from said generated playback picture signal to in the same screen area. A playback program is chosen from two or more programs, and since the video signal projected in the same screen from the result which distributed the contents of record according to the program of having performed elongation playback of a record program respectively is outputted, it has an operation that the playback check of No. two or more group in the same screen can be performed to coincidence.

[0009] Invention of the 2nd of this invention is invention subordinate to the 1st invention, and the contents of record are distributed to the program playback means which it has according to a program with the contents distribution means of record. Since program playback can be independently aimed at by having two or more program playback means by outputting the playback picture signal which performed screen size modification processing which reproduced the single contents of record within the each playback means of said program, and was doubled with the distribution number Also to the contents of record from which the compression ratio

and the amount of recording information per unit time amount differ for every program, since it is refreshable, it has an operation that there are few limits of coincidence playback of No. two or more group.

[0010] Invention of the 3rd of this invention is invention subordinate to the 1st invention, and distributes the contents of record according to a program with the contents distribution means of record. Carry out time sharing of the regeneration within a program playback means, and the single contents of record are reproduced within division time amount. If only it stores each contents of record in the memory according to program etc., two or more program playbacks with a highly efficient single program playback means are more possible than outputting the playback picture signal which performed screen size modification processing doubled with the distribution number. Therefore, reduction of component part mark can be aimed at, and it has an operation that playback is possible to the contents of record for every program, without having two or more program playback means.

[0011] Invention of the 4th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 2nd and 3rd invention. When reproducing two or more programs to coincidence and playback by the independent display of a specific program is chosen by the program selection means From considering read-out of the contents of record to the program which is not chosen from the contents read-out means of record as a halt, if playback of only the specific selected screen is canceled, it has an operation that playback of other halted programs can be resumed immediately.

[0012] Invention of the 5th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 2nd and 3rd invention. By canceling the display of the program which changed the number of screen separation in accordance with the remaining numbers of coincidence playbacks, and said video-signal output means ended by detecting termination of the program which the contents distribution means of record is reproducing in case two or more programs are reproduced to coincidence Playback of the program by reduction of the number of coincidence playbacks has a post process and an operation that each playback screen size by reduction of the number of coincidence playback programs can be changed automatically.

[0013] While invention of the 6th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 2nd and 3rd invention, and the contents read-out means of record reads to the count coincidence of plurality and is being reproduced with the fixed time interval to the same program By suspending other read-out and distributions as which said contents distribution means of record is not chosen, and outputting only the video signal of a program with which said video-signal output means was chosen, if the specific display screen is chosen with a program selection means When it seems that he wants to look for a specific scene within a certain program, and to perform playback from there, if a specific scene is found, it has the operation which can confirm only the screen reproduced from the scene and to say.

[0014] A program selection means by which invention of the 7th of this invention chooses a playback program, and the contents read-out means of record which usually reads the contents of record from a record medium above \*\*\*\* of reproduction speed, A contents distribution means of record to distribute said read contents of record according to a program, It is a thing equipped with a program voice playback means to generate a playback sound signal based on said distributed contents of record, and a sound signal output means to output the sound signal which considered said generated playback sound signal as the input, and performed an output setup. A playback program is chosen from two or more programs, and it has an operation that the voice according to program which the user set up can be outputted to coincidence from the voice output terminal which distributed the contents of record according to the program and which reproduces a record program respectively and is in a program regenerative apparatus.

[0015] By invention of the 8th of this invention being invention subordinate to the 7th invention, and the contents distribution means of record distributing the contents of record to the program voice playback means according to program, and performing playback from the single contents of record within the each voice playback means of said program Since each can advance a read-out demand required for playback also to the contents of record from which the compression method per unit time amount, a compression ratio, and the amount of recording information differ

for every program, it has an operation that there are few limits of coincidence playback of No. two or more group.

[0016] Invention of the 9th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 7th invention, and distributes the contents of record according to a program with the contents distribution means of record. By carrying out time sharing of the regeneration within a program voice playback means, generating each playback sound signal from the single contents of record within division time amount, and carrying out effective [ only of said playback sound signal over a specific program ] Since a voice output can be performed only about one program in the program currently reproduced by coincidence and those without a voice output can be performed about other playback programs in the meantime, it has an operation of being easy to realize the comparison audition which hears the voice of each program under coincidence playback certainly, and compares it.

[0017] Invention of the 10th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 8th and 9th invention, and is set to coincidence at the time of playback of two or more programs. When independent playback of a specific program is chosen by the program selection means, read-out and distribution of the contents of record as which the contents distribution means of record was not chosen are stopped temporarily. If playback of only the specific program chosen by changing the voice output from a sound signal output means to the voice output of the program canceled and chosen is stopped, it has an operation that playback of other halted programs can be resumed immediately.

[0018] Invention of the 11th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 1st and 7th invention. Have the program recording information for every program in a record medium, and in order to carry out coincidence playback of two or more programs as which the program selection means was chosen, No. two or more group playback list is generated from said program recording information. Since read-out according to the coincidence playback list on condition of carrying out coincidence playback of the No. two or more group by [ said / which read two or more two or more contents of record from the contents read-out means of record according to a program playback list ] having been generated can be performed, it has an operation that a record medium can be accessed efficiently.

[0019] Invention of the 12th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 1st invention, and has the program recording information for every program in a record medium. From from, said program recording information is referred to among the programs by which the program selection means was recorded on the record medium. That display image information is the same or by choosing the program of the number of specification sequentially from a similar program Since share-izing of display image information and share-ization of an image processing can be achieved in program playback of each program, it has an operation that reduction of the load of program playback and reduction of the amount of working-level month memory required for each program playback can be aimed at.

[0020] Invention of the 13th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 7th invention, and has the program recording information for every program in a record medium. From from, said program recording information is referred to among the programs by which said program selection means was recorded on the record medium. That speech compression information is the same or by choosing the program of the number of specification sequentially from a similar program Since it is in charge of voice playback of each program and the difference in signal processing for program playback by the difference of a compression method etc. can be lost, it has an operation that reduction of the load of program playback can be aimed at.

[0021] Invention of the 14th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 7th invention, and has the program recording information for every program in a record medium. From from, said program recording information is referred to among the programs by which said program selection means was recorded on the record medium. That voice output information is the same or by choosing the program of the number of specification sequentially from a similar program Even when the music playback program under coincidence playback is changed, it has an operation that playback can be continued, without changing a setup by the side of the connected amplifier.

[0022] In the time of playback of the record medium with which invention of the 15th of this invention recorded the contents of record about a program Coincidence playback conditions, such as the number of programs which is the program playback approach which reproduces two or more programs to coincidence, and is reproduced to coincidence, are determined. The contents of record of No. two or more grouping are read, said contents of record are distributed according to a program, each regenerative signal is generated according to the contents of record divided according to the program, and it is what considers said regenerative signal as an input in each, and generates an output signal according to said coincidence playback conditions. A playback program is chosen from two or more programs, and since a regenerative signal is outputted from the result which distributed the contents of record according to the program of having reproduced the record program respectively, it has an operation that it can perform easily performing the playback check of No. two or more group to coincidence.

[0023] Invention of the 16th of this invention is invention subordinate to the 15th invention, and has the program recording information for every program in said record medium. Generate No. two or more group playback list of [ for carrying out coincidence playback of two or more programs from said program recording information ], and by [ said / which read said contents of record ] having been generated according to a program playback list two or more Since read-out according to the coincidence playback list on condition of carrying out coincidence playback of the No. two or more group can be performed, it has an operation that a record medium can be accessed efficiently.

[0024] Hereafter, the gestalt of operation of this invention is explained using a drawing.

[0025] (Gestalt 1 of operation) Drawing 1 is the block diagram showing the fundamental configuration of the program regenerative apparatus using the program playback approach by the gestalt 1 of operation of this invention. The record medium with which 11 recorded the contents of record about two or more programs in drawing 1, A program selection means to choose the program which reproduces 12 automatically within the input from a user, or a program regenerative apparatus, A contents read-out means of record by which 13 reads the contents of record of each program in a record medium 11, A contents distribution means of record to distribute the contents of record of two or more programs which read 14 from the contents read-out means 13 of record to the contents of record according to program, The program playback means A which 15, and 16 and 17 consider as an input the contents of record distributed according to the program with the contents distribution means 14 of record, and is reproduced in each, the program playback means B and the program playback means C, and 18 are video-signal output means to generate the video signal from the output of program playback means A15 grade to the equipment exterior.

[0026] There is various classification, such as magnetic-recording media, such as a hard disk, and magneto-optic-recording media, in a record medium 11. Moreover, there are also a tape-like medium and a disk-like medium. DVD-RAM explains a record medium 11 like the conventional example here. A different record medium 11 from DVD-RAM is explained later.

[0027] The example of representation of the program recorded on a record medium 11 is a broadcast signal. The signal of broadcast voice, such as an electric-wave signal, light, and a cable signal of the same axle, is included in this. Moreover, the signal sent with the network gestalt by the Internet using the telephone line, a dedicated line, etc. 1 to 1 is also included. If it sees from a program regenerative-apparatus side, the signal which can be received as program information is made into an input signal from the point where a program is sent, it will be tuner equipment, or will be modem equipment, or signal reception will be made by the decryption equipment of the multiplexed received data. The bit reduction of the received data is carried out, and they are changed into the contents of record recorded on a record medium 11. Since there is a limitation in a capacity recordable in a record medium 11, record of long duration has been realized by carrying out bit reduction and reducing the amount of recording information.

[0028] A program signal and the program recording information about the contents of a record program are recorded on the record medium 11 as contents of record. For example, program recording start time of day, hour entries, such as a record period, a broadcasting station name (or receiving channel name), a record program name, etc. are included in program recording

information. [ when compressing and recording an image and an audio signal furthermore ] To the compressed program signal, the method of bit reduction, the compress mode of a compression video signal, Image resolution, an aspect ratio (16:9 or screen ratio of 4:3 grades), A display-mode format (a pan scan and letter box), the screen output form currently assumed (525 horizontal resolution, 625, etc.), Compression related information, such as audio coding mode of a compression audio signal, an audio sampling frequency, a quantifying bit number, and the number of audio channels, is also contained. Furthermore, the effectiveness of explaining that information, such as viewing-and-listening limit information at the time of playback, and a count of playback, the newest playback day, is added to program recording information later can be acquired.

[0029] With reference to drawing 2, an example is given and explained about the program playback approach in the gestalt 1 of operation of this invention. Drawing 2 is a flow chart which shows the processing actuation at the time of initiation of the program playback approach concerning the gestalt 1 of operation of this invention of operation.

[0030] The information on each program is acquired with reference to the program recording information in a record medium 11 (step S101). In case a playback program is determined, a broadcast hour entry, a record program name (the broadcast channel information and broadcasting station name), etc. which are program recording information are displayed on a screen etc., and the program recorded by the program selection means 12 is specified. When there is detailed recording information, such as a subtitle name and a program work firm name, to each program, of course, the configuration which can choose them as a display or a search key may be used. Here, not only playback of a single program but coincidence playback of two or more programs is explained as a premise. With the program selection means 12, a user chooses two or more programs from a refreshable program (step S102).

[0031] The contents distribution means 14 of record acquires the program information chosen from the program selection means 12, and tells information required for coincidence record playback to each means by which it is related. The distribution number which distributes two or more contents of record according to a program first is determined (step S103). For example, a distribution number and information required for distribution are generated. Next, compression related information, such as a compression method, is read from the contents of record of each program in a record medium 11, and initialization information required for playback is told to program playback means A15 grade (step S104). Furthermore, video-signal output method information, such as a screen size required for a video-signal output, and the number of screen separation, an output location of each program, is set as the video-signal output means 18 from the compression related information of the number of playback programs, and each program (step S105).

[0032] The information and compression related information about playback of each program can read and acquire program recording information. The information about playback is defined as playback list information. The playback list information about one program consists of program chains which store the information which determines the playback sequence of the playback logical unit cel of each program. The playback start time and the playback period which used this program chain, the continuation information on the following program chain, the storing positional information of each cel, etc. are dedicated to the information on this program chain. Storing positional information, a playback hour entry, etc. of recording information which become each cel from a compression video signal required for playback, a compression audio signal, etc. of each program are dedicated.

[0033] And by the contents read-out means 13 of record, the storing location of the contents of record of each program is given from a record medium 11, and read-out is started (step S106). Once having the memory for shunting called a track buffer to this contents read-out means 13 of record temporarily and reading the contents of record to a track buffer, it transmits to the contents distribution means 14 of record. As for the contents of record transmitted to the contents distribution means 14 of record, the distribution place is specified for every program, for example, the contents [ as opposed to / in the contents of record over Program A / Program B to the program playback means A15 ] of record are transmitted for the program playback

means B16 (step S107). Reading the contents of record of each program, the contents distribution means 14 of record checks playback list information etc., and checks the read-out location of the following contents of record each time. In carrying out coincidence playback of two or more programs, it processes according to a program to the information on each program read to coincidence. In each program playback means, the contents of record required in order to have buffer memory, not to break off and to reproduce the compressed program are stored. Hundreds of K bytes of this storage capacity is required of the compression method of the criterion of MPEG 2 video. It is necessary to read each contents of record until each buffer memory of not only the program playback means A15 but the program playback means B16 or the program playback means C17 fills, in order to reproduce two or more programs to coincidence. For example, if the buffer memory of the program playback means B16 is not full, the contents read-out demand of record of an applicable program will be generated to the contents distribution means 14 of record (step S109). And reading is repeated until the buffer memory within each program playback means fills (step S108). When each buffer memory fills, playback of the program by each program playback means is started (step S110). Buffer memory should just be memory accessible at a high speed rather than is constituted from 2-set Mino memory like the conventional example. Or it considers as a FIFO memory, and if the memory of a configuration of that it is asynchronous and read-out and writing can be performed is used, it is not necessary to have 2-set Mino memory specially.

[0034] If the contents of record in buffer memory decrease by reproducing each program and reproducing the contents of record in the buffer memory within each program record means, read-out of the following contents of record will be required respectively. Therefore, between each program playback means, a synchronization is not taken but it considers as the configuration which requires the contents of record required for the next playback at the time of the need. All decision of the record positional information of each program and the playback location of each program is made with the contents distribution means 14 of record. In reproducing continuously the contents of record of the program which it takes charge of, the contents distribution means 14 of record takes charge of control the amount of which to read playback list information and to read from what location in a record medium 11. The contents read-out means 13 of record is a role which reads each contents of record from a record medium 11 to a high speed by the command from the contents distribution means 14 of record. Moreover, as for the program playback means A15, only information actually required for playback is inputted. Although each program playback means performs management of buffer memory, direct control does not actually carry out a record medium 11.

[0035] Next, the contents of processing within the program playback means A15 are explained. Drawing 3 is the block diagram showing the configuration of one program playback means in the program regenerative apparatus in the gestalt 1 of operation of this invention. Moreover, drawing 4 is a flow chart which shows the contents of processing within the program playback means A15.

[0036] The program playback means A15 consists of the video decoder section 22 which decodes a compression video signal from the contents of record, the buffer memory section 21 which saves the contents of record, and the picture signal processing section 23 which processes screen size modification etc. to the decoded playback picture signal. The contents of record distributed from the contents distribution means 14 of record are first stored in the buffer memory section 21. And the compression video signal which are compression related information required for playback of a picture signal and a program signal for videos is read from the buffer memory section 21. In playback of a compression video signal, a compression video signal is elongated and decrypted using compression related information, such as a bit reduction method (compression methods as an example, such as MPEG 2), image resolution, and an output screen size, (this processing is defined as decoding). The result of having decoded the compression video signal is again stored in the buffer memory section 21. If the output of NTSC system is assumed as a video output, it is necessary to generate the image of about 30 sheets in 1 second. Decoding of the first screen of one sheet is made first (step S121).

[0037] What is necessary is just to output the playback picture signal stored in the buffer

memory section 21 to the video-signal output means 18 as it is, if the number of coincidence program playbacks is 1. However, a screen size is changed when the number of coincidence program playbacks is plurality (step S122). This is because it is necessary to reduce each screen size in order to display two or more playback screens on the same screen. For example, four programs are reproduced to coincidence, and in order to display that each screen does not lap, the viewing area of length and width is made into one half, respectively, and it changes into the screen size of a quadrant in area. Then, perpendicularly, it realizes by operating the scanning line on a curtailed schedule. On the occasion of infanticide of this perpendicular direction, a clinch spectrum and flicker active jamming-ization are prevented using the perpendicular filter which consists of a low pass filter etc. to a perpendicular signal. A part of buffer memory section 21 which constitutes a screen although thinning out data can also be realized on the other hand after minding horizontally the level filter which consists of a low pass filter is constituted from a field memory, it reads with a write-in clock, and the frequency of a clock is changed, after minding a level filter, data are written in, and there is also the approach of compressing data by reading to a high speed to writing. Modification processing of a screen size etc. is performed in the picture signal processing section 23 by such approach (step S123).

[0038] The changed playback picture signal is outputted to the video-signal output means 18 from the picture signal processing section 23 (step S124). In addition, before a playback picture signal is outputted, an image print-out is told to the video-signal output means 18 from the contents distribution means 14 of record. As an example of an image print-out, information, such as an output location in the same screen, output size, existence of an output, and a superposition priority of No. two or more group, is included. This image print-out is considered as the configuration outputted only at the time of the need, and when the time of the first display and the number of playback programs are changed, it is outputted. It is not necessary to output continuously synchronizing with a playback picture signal. An image print-out should just be first outputted by the first one screen display. In addition, in order to lay two or more programs on top of the same screen, there are an approach of changing a screen size so that each screen may not lap, a method of displaying one screen of representation in standard size, and laying them on top of a representation screen, using the remaining screens as a small screen size, the approach of allowing and displaying superposition of some playback screens to a coincidence playback program, etc. It is good also as a configuration which tells the information about each display position or a screen size to each program playback means and the video-signal output means 18 from the method of presentation which also chose the method of presentation of the screen of No. two or more group with the program selection means 12, and was chosen from the contents distribution means 14 of record.

[0039] The capacity (about hundreds of K bytes) which reads the contents of record first, the capacity (about several megabytes) which stores the image of a three-sheet phase-splitting this in order to generate the image of one sheet, referring to the image of order, when the compression method about a compression video signal is an MPEG method, and the capacity (about hundreds of K bytes) which stores the playback picture signal which made a screen size change are required for the buffer memory section 21. The amount of buffer memory of about 2 to 4 megabytes is required for one program playback means A15 in total.

[0040] As an approach of transmitting the contents of record to the buffer memory section 21 from the contents distribution means 14 of record, the method (a drawing middle point line shows) which carries out transfer direct to the buffer memory section 21 may be used, and the method (a drawing solid line shows) transmitted through the video decoder section 22 may be used. moreover, the thing which has only a good video signal and which carried out and included the sound signal in the video signal is sufficient as the contents of record written in the buffer memory section 21. The video decoder section 22 confirms only a video signal, and decodes a compression video signal.

[0041] Moreover, as an output form to the video-signal output means 18, a playback picture signal is outputted with digital signals, such as information which shows the hue and brightness of each pixel of one screen. The format (a drawing middle point line shows) directly transmitted to the image memory within the video-signal output means 18 from the buffer memory section

21 is sufficient, and the format (a drawing solid line shows) which outputs the result to which the picture signal processing section 23 carried out signal processing is sufficient. If it sees from the video-signal output means 18 whichever it is a configuration, the playback picture signal with which the screen size etc. was changed should just be outputted. The information on two or more screens is compounded within the video-signal output means 18.

[0042] The video-signal output means 18 generates the video signal to output based on the image print-out and playback picture signal which were outputted. Here, the method with which the video signal outputted to the same screen is generated from the playback screen of two or more programs and which the approach of transmitting the information on each screen to the image memory for an output at this, and creating the screen of one sheet may be used, and only the number of coincidence program playbacks has a video plane, and piles up a usual picture area may be used. The latter is realizable by using the semi-conductor excellent in the graphic function to pile up two or more screens. The video-signal output means 18 outputs as a video signal of the output form which united the video signal which reproduced No. two or more group on the same screen with video-signal input methods, such as an analog signal output of NTSC system, television, such as an RGB code, and a projector.

[0043] Two or more program playback means can be constituted from a circuit which put in order two or more semi-conductors which reproduce one program, and can be considered as the configuration which outputs a playback picture signal. Moreover, even the circuit which can reproduce two or more programs separately, and conversion of each image size and the circuit which lays each screen of No. two or more group on top of the same screen of the video-signal output means 18 further can also be built in one semi-conductor for image processings. It is possible for it to be small in external or the configuration to build in, then No. two or more group regenerative apparatus, and to realize memory required for this semi-conductor for image processings.

[0044] When the independent display of a specific program is directed to coincidence from the program selection means 12 by a user's input during playback of two or more programs, read-out [ / in addition to the program which corresponds from the contents distribution means 14 of record ] of the contents of record is considered as a halt. Therefore, the contents read-out means 13 of record reads only the contents of record of the selected program. And playback of only the specific selected program is continued. A screen display is changed into the independent display of a playback screen, or only a selection screen continues playback all over two or more screens, and others are constituted so that it can display in the state of the still picture of a halt. It is convenient to observe only the scene of a specific program in the program under coincidence playback if it has such a function. On the other hand, playback of the halted program stands by in the condition that it can resume immediately. The program playback means B16 and the program playback means C17 which playback is suspended will start playback from the next screen you to be Sumiya, if the screen information at the time of a halt is held and a halt is canceled. Therefore, since program playback is resumed without improving other programs once which will be involved at first even if No. two or more group is being reproduced and it chooses playback of the program of arbitration, a user's facilities can be measured.

[0045] Furthermore, the time of playback of one program under playback being completed during playback of two or more programs is explained to coincidence. When playback termination (termination detection of recording information etc.) of the program A which has the contents distribution means 14 of record from playback list information is detected as an example, it notifies that distribution of the contents of record to the program playback means A15 are completed. And read-out about an applicable program is terminated from the contents read-out means 13 of record. The display of the program which changed the number of screen separation in accordance with the further remaining numbers of coincidence playbacks, and the video-signal output means 18 ended is canceled. In order to do these activities automatically with termination of program playback, a user can recognize that playback of a program was completed by reduction of the number of coincidence playbacks. Furthermore, it is also possible to change screen separation size etc. with the remaining numbers of coincidence playbacks.

[0046] For more than one's being reproduced to coincidence, it is not necessarily No. two or

more group. To the same program, a specific scene etc. is found out and there is also a demand of wanting to perform the usual playback, from there. For example, although seen to the last middle, it is the example of remembering while it saw how far or each scene is seen. In such a case, the contents distribution means 14 of record sets up a distribution number etc., and defines a read-out time interval. And the demand which the contents read-out means 13 of record reads to the count coincidence of plurality with a fixed time interval to the same program is performed. Therefore, when reproducing with a fixed time interval, it can realize easily by performing the same processing as the time of reproducing another program. And if a specific scene is found and the specific display screen is chosen with the program selection means 12, it will be judged that other playbacks do not have the need and other read-out from the contents read-out means 14 of record will be stopped. And playback of only a program playback means A15 to correspond becomes effective, and the configuration which outputs only the video signal of the screen where the video-signal output means 18 was chosen, then a desired function can be realized.

[0047] Unlike DVD-ROM (DVD of only read-out) of the package media compressed, recorded and marketed, reading and DVD-RAM can write images and speech information, such as a movie program, repeatedly. The disk is excellent in the reproducibility reproduced while rearranging sequence at the time of playback and maintaining a continuity at it, even if unlike a tape it is easy to perform random access, and it cannot perform search after retrieval etc. quickly or it does not record in good order. Of course, the hard disk which a personal computer etc. is sufficient as and is used can be used for a record medium 11. However, in the case of the record medium 11 which time and effort requires for attachment-and-detachment impossibilities, such as a fixed hard disk, or attachment and detachment, in order for storage capacity to have a limit and to record many programs, the limit of storage capacity of the way which uses the removable record medium 11 is lost, and it is convenient. Moreover, writing can also use the record media 11 (for example, CD-R, DVD-R, etc.) allowed only once. Although this invention is effective also in the medium which allows writing only once like a read-only medium like DVD-ROM, and DVD-R, it is the most effective in the record medium 11 which can be written any number of times, such as DVD-RAM and a hard disk. Although detaching and attaching can apply also to a hard disk in an unnecessary application, the disk or the removable removable hard disk of removable DVD-RAM fits the purpose that a program is recorded and it can reproduce.

[0048] The read-out rate from a record medium 11 is explained. By interface specification, such as a hard disk, there is specification, such as UltraATA, and if the mode 2 of UltraDMA is used, the maximum transfer rate will become 33.3 megabytes per second (about 260 megabits per second). On the other hand, the DVD-ROM drive and the drive which improvement in the speed is timed and has the reproduction speed more than \*\*\*\* have appeared. When average reproduction speed of the compression signal of a program with the compression method of MPEG 2 used with DVD is made into 4 megabits per second, and it is 8X, it is equivalent to 32 megabits per second. Furthermore, the reproduction speed which reproduces each program is about 10 megabits or less per a maximum of second. In reproducing two or more programs, if the interface specification of the mode 2 grade of UltraDMA is used, it is generous enough. If buffer memory writing out the read contents of record is used as the memory which can access high speeds, such as SDRAM, and being constituted from a 16-bit bus, it can write by 100 megabytes of number per second by cutting tool conversion, and a problem will not be generated at an access rate. Like a DVD-ROM drive, since improvement in the speed is timed also about the drive which plays a DVD-RAM disk, it is assumed that the coincidence playback of the No. two or more group can be carried out. In addition, the program compressed into the hard disk by MPEG 2 etc. is recorded, and when carrying out two or more coincidence playback, since read-out by dozens of megabits is possible, the drive which reads the contents of record of two or more programs to coincidence can be constituted by writing in and reading the contents of record of the program of DVD-RAM to a hard disk, a lot of semiconductor memory, etc. once. Of course, at least a hard disk can read two or more programs to a high speed.

[0049] It cannot be overemphasized that the still more nearly refreshable number of programs to coincidence will increase them if they are constituted from two or more drives, although the

record medium 11 of one sheet with which the above was stored in one set of a drive to two or more programs have been explained about coincidence playback. However, this invention can realize the program regenerative apparatus which can reproduce two or more programs to coincidence even from two or more programs recorded on the record medium 11 of one sheet. [0050] It is better to arrange the contents of record of one program in the continuous possible location, in order to read the contents of record to a high speed. Usually, in DVD-ROM which recorded the movie software marketed, it is not continuously recorded in consideration of branching by a user's alternative etc. by the middle in many cases. For this reason, the access times, such as transit time of an optical pickup, are required rather than it is recorded continuously. Therefore, the capacity of a track buffer is made to increase to two or more coincidence playbacks, or the number of coincidence playbacks is limited to them. However, if recorded continuously, time amount required for seeking of an optical pickup etc. will be shortened. Furthermore, a track buffer is treated like cache memory, and even if you do not read the predicted information as again as possible, suppose that it is effective. The capacity of a track buffer can be reduced as a result. Therefore, what is continuously recorded at the time of record to the record medium 11 to DVD-RAMs, such as a program, etc. is desired.

[0051] Although the example of the playback program selection by the user was explained, the function which chooses a playback program automatically by the equipment side can be added. It explained becoming the contents of record from the program recording information containing a program signal and compression related information. Since the program was chosen by referring to the program recording information currently written in the record medium 11, the same contents were realizable even if it used not only archive media, such as DVD-RAM and a hard disk, but DVD-ROM, CD-ROM, and an archive medium like DVD-R or CD-R. Therefore, it is applicable also to the record medium 11 which materials, such as a movie, recorded not only like the application which reproduces the signal of the program recorded on a record medium 11 like DVD-RAM but DVD-ROM. Even when it is DVD-ROM with which a certain movie marketed was recorded, it is effective in an application which is reproduced to the count coincidence of plurality with specific time intervals (for example, 10 etc. minutes etc.), and finds out the specific scene to worry.

[0052] Moreover, the contents of record of a record medium 11 (program recording information) are read at the time of playback initiation, and if the program selection means 12 chooses the program of the number of specification in order and is reproduced from the program recorded most in the past, recording from a playback program itself will become easy to judge whether it is an unnecessary program. It can use [ since there is a limitation also in the number of programs recordable on a record medium 11, ] in order to eliminate an unnecessary program, to secure the availability for next record, and to check the contents of a program.

[0053] Furthermore, the program selection means 12 can choose the program of the number of specification sequentially from the program recorded recently, and can also be reproduced. Conditioning which is reproduced before forgetting the fact which recorded the program which also recorded this on recently, and judges whether it is the program which should be saved can be performed. Since there is a limitation also in the number of programs recordable on a record medium 11, of course, an unnecessary program is eliminated, and it can use for the contents check of a program for securing the availability for next record.

[0054] If viewing-and-listening limit information is established, a refreshable program can be chosen for every user. Two or more programs which a child may be made to watch can be reproduced automatically, and it can apply also to the application of a child making the program included in mind choose.

[0055] However, the configuration which allows adding the information at the time of playback and writing in program recording information to the program recorded respectively, then the following expansion can be aimed at. In addition, in order to make the current update of program recording information possible, the archive medium whose rewriting is possible for a record medium 11 any number of times, such as DVD-RAM and a hard disk, is suitable. For example, the following control will be attained if it has playback time information, the count information of playback, the last playback part information, etc. in each program as program recording

information.

[0056] If the program selection means 12 chooses the program of the number of specification sequentially from the program reproduced recently, it is immediately reproducible from the program which he often watches. If the program of the number of specification is chosen sequentially from what was reproduced most in the past on the other hand and it reproduces, it can check, whenever it was recording what kind of program or there is a reproductive opportunity. Moreover, the count of playback can also be referred to. Since it can assume that the program with many counts of playback has many requests of wanting to reproduce immediately, priority can be given, and it can assume that the program with few counts of playback does not have record worth of a program, and can raise to the candidate when becoming at which the record possible capacity of a record medium 11 remains and becomes empty and who erases. Moreover, if the playback information how far it reproduced last time is established, the program which is in the middle of playback and was interrupted can be chosen the number of specification in order, and it can also reproduce.

[0057] Moreover, the program regenerative apparatus which performs program selection which referred to compression related information among the program recording information which it has for every program in a record medium 11 can be constituted. The program selection means 12 chooses the program of the number of specification from the program recorded on the record medium 11 sequentially from that display image information is the same or a similar program with reference to program recording information. Specifically, information, such as a picture compression method and resolution, is referred to. If a compression method, the resolution of an image, etc. are common to each program playback means, share-ization of display image information can be achieved in program playback of each program. For example, if the resolution of a display image is the same, modification processing of a screen size serves as the same contents respectively, and share-ization of a parameter can be achieved. Moreover, if a compression method is unified, since it will become easy to predict the load by decoding from the case where it is not unified, reduction-ization of the capacity of the track buffer of contents read-out means of record 12 grade etc. can be achieved.

[0058] Furthermore, the following applications can be performed if a performer's etc. information is included in program recording information. For example, there is alternative about the performer of each program, and if it chooses through the program selection means 12, only the program in which a certain specific performer appears is reproducible to two or more coincidence. If time amount assignment of the appearance scene etc. is furthermore carried out, each call appearance of the point which performed time amount delivery from the playback initiation time is carried out, and it can apply also to the application which carries out playback initiation at coincidence. The hour entries (appearance start time, appearance period, etc.) from program start time are required for specification of an appearance scene. Furthermore, what is necessary is to choose a simultaneous refreshable program, to read the hour entry in it and just to reproduce the specified program, if the performer who chose previously, and a different performer are chosen. If it is that it is also considering an appearance scene as a hour entry, expansion of a screen can also be automatically performed on the scene in which a specific person appears. The program selection means 12 can provide a user with the detailed information which referred to program recording information, and can also give a table-of-contents retrieval guidance function. If a table-of-contents retrieval guidance function is used, the selection of a program and target scene reproducing to wish will become still easier. Of course also in coincidence playback of two or more programs, it is effective. The new usage beyond reproducing independently the program signal with which the former was recorded with the program regenerative apparatus of this invention which can perform application of these various kinds can be offered.

[0059] (Gestalt 2 of operation) Drawing 5 is the block diagram showing the contents of the program playback means which is one of the components of the program regenerative apparatus using the program playback approach by the gestalt 2 of operation of this invention. In drawing 5, a contents distribution means of record distribute the contents of two or more programs which read 31 from the contents read-out means of record of record to the contents of record

according to program, the program playback means which are reproduced by 32 considering as an input the contents of record distributed according to a program with the contents distribution means 31 of record, and 33 are a video-signal output means generate the signal which outputs from the output of a program playback means 32 to the equipment exterior.

[0060] The buffer memory A36 which saves the contents of record for every distributed program for the program playback means 32, buffer memory B37, and buffer memory C38, The video decoder section 34 which carries out time sharing of the regeneration of the contents of record of each program stored in each of such buffer memory, reproduces the contents of record from each contents of record within division time amount, and generates the playback picture signal of each program, It consists of the picture signal processing sections 35 which perform screen size modification processing in which the playback picture signal stored in each buffer memory was doubled with the distribution number.

[0061] The differences between the gestalt 2 of operation and the gestalt 1 of operation are transmitting the contents of record of each program directly to each buffer memory of the contents distribution means 31 of record to the difference in the configuration of a program playback means, and the program playback means 32, and the point of having taken the configuration of outputting the playback picture signal reproduced by the video-signal output means 33 from each buffer memory. Although not shown in drawing 5, it is the same as that of the configuration shown in drawing 1, a record medium 11, the program selection means 12, and the contents read-out means 13 of record can be constituted, and the input to the contents distribution means 31 of record is made.

[0062] If the throughput of the video decoder section 34 is high and decoding of two or more programs is possible by performing time sharing for decoder processing, it is not necessary to have the video decoder section for every program playback. What is necessary is just to be able to generate one screen every 1/90 second, if it is coincidence playback of three programs since what is necessary is just to generate one screen for an NTSC output every 1/30 second per a premise, then program. Moreover, after decoding of one screen finishes and being stored in buffer memory A36 as a playback picture signal, according to the number of coincidence playbacks, modification processing of a screen size is performed in the picture signal processing section 35 like the gestalt 1 of operation. What is necessary is just to create the picture signal processing section 35 sequentially from the buffer memory in which the decoding activity was completed and the playback picture signal was stored. And it is re-stored in each buffer memory once again after modification processing of a screen size. And a playback picture signal is transmitted to the image memory within the video-signal output means 33 etc. About the approach of generating the video signal outputted from the playback picture signal transmitted from each buffer memory, it is the same as that of the gestalt 1 of operation.

[0063] Since two or more program playbacks are possible and playback will be possible according to the configuration of the gestalt 2 of this operation to the contents of record for every program with the highly efficient single program playback means 32, without having two or more program playback means if stored in the memory according to program etc., it has the effectiveness that reduction of component part mark can be aimed at.

[0064] (Gestalt 3 of operation) Drawing 6 is the block diagram showing the fundamental configuration of the program regenerative apparatus using the program playback approach by the gestalt 3 of operation of this invention. The record medium with which 41 recorded the contents of record about two or more programs in drawing 6. A program selection means to choose the program which reproduces 42 automatically within the input from a user, or a program regenerative apparatus, A contents read-out means of record by which 43 reads the contents of record of each program in a record medium 41, A contents distribution means of record to distribute the contents of record of two or more programs which read 44 from the contents read-out means 43 of record to the contents of record according to program, The program voice playback means A, the program voice playback means B, and the program voice playback means C which 45, and 46 and 47 consider as an input the contents of record distributed according to the program with the contents distribution means 44 of record, and reproduce voice in each 48 is a sound signal output means to generate the sound signal outputted to the equipment exterior

from the output from program voice playback means A45 grade.

[0065] The difference between the gestalt 3 of operation and the gestalt 1 of operation is the point that the contents of program playback change to voice playback from image reproduction. With the program playback means A15 and the voice playback means A45, a part of the function and contents differ from each other. The function and contents differ from each other with a video-signal output means 18 to output a video signal furthermore, and a sound signal output means 48 to output a sound signal. However, since it is the same as that of the gestalt 1 of operation about read-out of the contents of record of the selection approach of a program or each program, explanation is omitted.

[0066] The program information chosen by the program selection means 42 is told to the contents distribution means 44 of record. The contents distribution means 44 of record needs to tell information required for coincidence record playback to each means by which it is related. The distribution number which distributes two or more contents of record according to a program first is determined, and a distribution number and information required for distribution are generated. Next, compression related information, such as a compression method, is read from the contents of record of each program in a record medium 41, and initialization information is told to program voice playback means A45 grade. Furthermore, a sound signal output method is set up. As an example, an output voice method required for a sound signal output from the sound signal output means 48, the number of output terminals, and the output terminal location of a program are determined.

[0067] And by the contents read-out means 43 of record, read-out of the contents of record of each program is started from a record medium 41. If the contents of record of each program are shunted to the track buffer of this contents read-out means 43 of record temporarily and a transfer request is in it, it will transmit to the contents distribution means 44 of record. As for the contents of record transmitted to the contents distribution means 44 of record, the distribution place is specified for every program, for example, the contents of record over Program B are transmitted for the contents of record over Program A to the program voice playback means A45 at the program voice playback means B46. In each program voice playback means, it has buffer memory, and the contents of record required in order not to break off and to reproduce a program are stored. Several K bytes of this storage capacity is required of the compression method of criteria, such as a linear PCM system and a Dolby digital method. It is necessary to read each contents of record until each buffer memory of not only the program voice playback means A45 but the program voice playback means B46 or the program voice playback means C47 fills, in order to reproduce two or more programs to coincidence.

[0068] If each program is reproduced and the contents of record in the buffer memory within each program record means decrease, read-out of the following contents of record will be required respectively. It is between each program playbacks, and a synchronization is not taken, but the contents of record required for the next playback are required at the time of the need. In reproducing the contents of record of each program continuously, the contents distribution means 44 of record takes charge of the read-out command out of a record medium 41. The contents distribution means 44 of record performs all of the record positional information of each program, and the read-out sequence control of a program. The contents read-out means 43 of record is a role which reads each contents of record from a record medium 41 to a high speed by the command from the contents distribution means 44 of record. Moreover, as for the program voice playback means A45, only information actually required for playback is inputted.

[0069] Next, the contents of processing within the program voice playback means A45 are explained. Drawing 7 is the block diagram showing the example of a configuration of one program voice playback means in the program regenerative apparatus in the gestalt 3 of operation of this invention.

[0070] The program voice playback means A45 consists of the audio decoder section 52 which decodes the sound signal information compressed from the contents of record, the buffer memory section 51 which saves the contents of record, and the sound signal output section 53 which reads the decoded playback sound signal and is outputted as a continuous playback sound signal. The contents of record distributed from the contents distribution means 44 of record are

first stored in the buffer memory section 51. And the compression audio signal which are compression related information required for playback of a sound signal and a program signal for audios is read from the buffer memory section 51. In playback of a compression audio signal, a compression audio signal is elongated and decrypted using compression related information, such as audio coding methods (compression methods, such as Dolby digital, MPEG1, and MPEG 2, a linear PCM system, etc. as an example), a sampling frequency, a quantifying bit number, and the number of playback channels. The result of having decoded the compression audio signal is again stored in the buffer memory section 51. The playback sound signal with which each program was reproduced is a digital signal format etc. (the analog signal method which carried out the DA translation may be used), and is continuously outputted from the sound signal output section 53.

[0071] The sound signal output means 48 is told that the output terminal information from the contents distribution means 44 of record is the output of the digitized voice signal from each program voice playback means. As an example of output terminal information, information, such as the number of output terminals which a program regenerative apparatus has, arrangement, a setup of from which output terminal to output the playback voice of a program, and playback sound volume of each output terminal, is included. This output terminal information should just be outputted when the time of voice output initiation and the number of playback programs are changed. It is not necessary to output continuously synchronizing with a playback sound signal. [0072] The capacity (about several K bytes) which reads the contents of record first, and the capacity (about dozens of K bytes) which stores a decoding result are required for the buffer memory section 51, and it needs the capacity of about 100 K bytes in total for one program voice playback means A45.

[0073] As an approach of transmitting the contents of record to the buffer memory section 51 from the contents distribution means 44 of record, the method (a drawing middle point line shows) which carries out transfer direct to the buffer memory section 51 may be used, and the method (a drawing solid line shows) transmitted through the audio decoder section 52 may be used. Moreover, what carried out only the compression audio signal and included the compression video signal in the compression audio signal is sufficient as the contents of record written in the buffer memory section 51. However, when both are included, the capacity of only the buffer memory which can secure both contents of record is needed. The audio decoder section 52 confirms only a compression audio signal, and performs decoding. Moreover, as an input form to the sound signal output means 48, a playback sound signal is inputted with the digital signal which synchronized with the sampling clock (for example, 48kHz) etc. And synchronizing with a sampling clock, the sound signal output means 48 performs a DA translation, after carrying out digital signal processing of the output signal transformation, such as sound-volume conversion, and it changes it into the sound signal of an analog. And the sound signal of the set-up program is outputted from the output terminal defined with the contents distribution means 44 of record.

[0074] When there are two or more terminals for those with two or more, for example, headphone, in a voice output terminal, each sound signal of the program which carries out coincidence playback can be outputted separately. It is equivalent not only a headphone output but when it has an output terminal for every program. In the case of the program regenerative apparatus which, on the other hand, has only a playback output terminal for single programs, each playback sound signal from a coincidence playback program can be added and outputted. In voice addition, about whether priority is given to which program and it reproduces (it is about sound volume), it sets up beforehand in the input of the program selection means 42, and it should just tell the sound-volume information on a playback program through the contents distribution means 44 of record. When it has the terminal connectable with two or more sorts of two or more loudspeakers, a voice output can also be distributed according to the loudspeaker of some of pinpointing of two or more loudspeakers for every program. Therefore, the voice according to program which the user set up can be outputted to coincidence.

[0075] If it is the configuration which distributes the contents of record to each program voice playback means according to program with the contents distribution means 44 of record, it is satisfactory even if it is the contents of record of a different compression method between each

program voice playback means. since each can advance a read-out demand required for playback within each program voice playback means also to the contents of record from which the compression method per unit time amount and the amount of recording information differ for every program by perform playback from the single contents of record , and output the sound signal by output terminal setup with the sound signal output means 48 from each playback sound signal -- a No. two or more group -- a limit -- there is nothing -- coincidence -- it is refreshable

[0076] When the independent voice output of a specific program is directed to coincidence from the program selection means 42 by a user's input during playback of two or more programs, read-out [ / in addition to the program which corresponds from the contents distribution means 44 of record ] of the contents of record is considered as a halt. Therefore, the contents read-out means 43 of record continues playback of only the specific program which read the contents of record of only the selected program and was chosen. Only the voice of an independent program is reproduced from a voice output terminal. Playback halts others. It is convenient to reproduce only the scene of a specific program in the program under coincidence playback if it has such a function. On the other hand, playback of the halted program stands by in the condition that it can resume immediately. The program voice playback means B46 and the program voice playback means C47 which playback is suspended hold playback information, and start playback you to be Sumiya. Therefore, since program playback is resumed without redoing playback once which will be involved at first in other programs even if No. two or more group is being reproduced and it chooses playback of one program of arbitration, a user's facilities can be measured.

[0077] Moreover, the program regenerative apparatus which performs program selection which referred to compression related information among the program recording information for every program in a record medium 41 can be constituted. The program selection means 42 chooses the program of the number of specification from from with reference to program recording information among the programs recorded on the record medium 41 sequentially from that information, such as a speech compression method, is the same or a similar program. Specifically, information, such as a speech compression method, is referred to. If the compression method etc. is common to each program voice playback means, share-ization of each audio decoder processing etc. can be achieved in program playback of each program. Since it can consider as the same contents respectively, share-ization of a parameter can be achieved. Moreover, if a compression method is unified, it becomes easy to predict a decoding load and reduction-ization of the capacity of the track buffer of contents read-out means of record 42 grade etc. can be achieved.

[0078] Moreover, the program regenerative apparatus which performs program selection which referred to the voice output information about a voice output can consist of compression related information among the program recording information for every program in a record medium 41. The program selection means 42 chooses the program of the number of specification from from with reference to program recording information among the programs recorded on the record medium 41 sequentially from that information, such as a voice output method, is the same or a similar program. Specifically, information, such as a sampling frequency and a quantization bit, is referred to. If the sampling frequency etc. is common to each program voice playback means, it is convenient in case the playback sound signal by the continuous digital signal which synchronized with the sampling frequency respectively outputted from each program voice playback means is added. Addition with the analog signal which added after aiming at the synchronization of each signal, if it differed, or carried out the DA translation of each is needed. Therefore, in order for what is necessary to be just to treat the signal which synchronized with the same clock if the sampling frequency is the same, a circuitry scale ends few. Therefore, playback tone quality etc. can achieve reduction-ization of equipment cost, without dropping. In addition, the same is said of a quantifying bit number, and if the quantifying bit numbers of two or more programs differ, the processing united with the smallest quantifying bit number is needed.

[0079] Moreover, the terminal which outputs the sound signal outputted from the sound signal output means 48 with the digital signal of the bit stream format to which it was set by IEC958

can also be prepared. If the voice output conditions of each program do not change to the amplifier side connected to this terminal between the programs under coincidence playback, even if it changes the music playback program to reproduce on the way, playback can be continued without changing a setup by the side of the connected amplifier. the kill at the time of the program change by modification of a sampling frequency etc. -- generating of a sound etc. can be pressed down.

[0080] Furthermore, the configuration explained with the gestalt 2 of operation is applicable also to audio playback. The contents distribution means of record distributes the contents of record according to a program, and it transmits to the buffer memory according to program. Time sharing of the regeneration is carried out within a program voice playback means, and the playback sound signal of a single program is generated from each buffer memory within division time amount. However, in order to output continuously the sound signal which synchronized with the sampling frequency of each program at the time of a voice output, it is necessary to prepare two or more sound signal output sections. Then, if it has two or more sound signal output sections, each playback sound signal can be outputted to coincidence.

[0081] On the other hand, when there is only the one sound signal output section and it cannot output the playback sound signal of two or more programs in a program voice playback means at coincidence, only the playback sound signal over one specific program is confirmed. A voice output is performed only about one program in under playback to coincidence by considering the confirmed playback sound signal as an input, and outputting a sound signal from the output terminal set up with the sound signal output means 48. An audio output is not carried out about other playback programs in the meantime. However, it is not concerned with the buffer memory corresponding to each program at the existence of a voice output, but considers as the configuration which stores the playback sound signal which always decoded the newest recording information. Then, the program regenerative apparatus suitable for applications, such as a comparison audition of the voice under coincidence playback, etc. can be offered by carrying out coincidence playback of two or more music recorded on the same record medium 41 at once, and reproducing to coincidence each compression audio signal compressed and recorded by the application which discovers music to change playback music one after another, and listen to it, and different coding method to the same music source.

[0082] In addition, although the example of image reproduction and the example of voice playback have been explained separately, it is applicable similarly to an image program with voice. The configuration which has both the video decoder section and the audio decoder section for each program playback means in addition to the buffer memory section for every program (the capacity which can treat both a compression audio signal and a compression video signal is the need), and has the picture signal processing section and the sound signal output section, then coincidence program playback of an image and voice are attained.

[0083] Furthermore, when reproducing DVD-ROM with which it is satisfied of DVD video specification as a record medium to reproduce, the configuration which lays the screen which carried out subpicture decoding on top of each screen which in addition to the video decoder section and the audio decoder section prepared for every program like [ section / which decodes information, such as a title, / subpicture decoder ] the video decoder section, and carried out video decoding, then correspondence are easy. In addition, the configuration which prepares the real-time text decoder section which displays words etc. further, and the still picture decoder section for every program, then correspondence are possible also for the disk with which are satisfied of DVD audio specification.

[0084] (Gestalt 4 of operation) Drawing 8 is the block diagram showing the processing about No. two or more group playback list which reads each program among the configurations of the program regenerative apparatus using the program playback approach by the gestalt 4 of operation of this invention. The record medium with which 61 recorded the contents of record about two or more programs in drawing 8 , A program selection means to choose the program which reproduces 62 within the input from a user, or a program regenerative apparatus, A contents read-out means of record by which 63 reads the contents of record of each program in a record medium 61, A contents distribution means of record to distribute the contents of

record of two or more programs which read 64 from the contents read-out means 63 of record to the contents of record according to program, the program recording information by which 65 was recorded in the record medium 61, and 66 read the contents of the program recording information 65. It is a No. two or more group playback list generation means to generate the playback list of [ for reproducing No. two or more group efficiently to coincidence ]. In addition, since the point which generates the signal which distributes the contents of record according to a program, reproduces for every program with a program playback means etc. (not shown), and is outputted with a video-signal output means etc. is the same as that of the gestalt 1 grade of operation, the contents distribution means 64 of record omits explanation.

[0085] Drawing 9 is a flow chart which shows the processing actuation at the time of the early stages of the program playback approach concerning the gestalt 4 of operation of this invention. Drawing 10 is a flow chart which shows the processing actuation at the time of program playback advance of the program playback approach concerning the gestalt 4 of operation.

[0086] The difference between the gestalt 4 of operation and the gestalt 1 of operation is the point of generating the playback list which reads beforehand the program recording information 65 of each program in a record medium 61, and can reproduce two or more programs efficiently beforehand to two or more programs to reproduce. In the explanation within the gestalt 1 of operation, in playback of each program, while the contents distribution means 14 of record read the contents of record of each program, the following playback list information etc. was read and judged and it was distributing for every contents of record each time (step S107 reference of drawing 2 ). In carrying out coincidence playback of two or more programs, it was the configuration of processing separately the information on each program read to coincidence.

[0087] With the gestalt 4 of operation, before reading and distributing the contents of record of each program, the playback list about (step S138, step S139), and the program to reproduce [ two or more ] is generated. each playback list information of each program is first read from the program recording information 65 (step S136). And No. two or more group playback list which carries out coincidence playback is generated (step S137). It determines of which program the contents of record should be read from the contents of the generated No. two or more group coincidence playback list, and the procedure which reads the contents of record of each program is started.

[0088] It hits going on playback of each program, and it is necessary to update or change the contents of the No. two or more group playback list. It is necessary to perform modification and the addition of the contents of the No. two or more group playback list which had been created at the time of modification of the number of playback programs by a demand of a user or termination of the number of playback programs, and termination of the list information currently created beforehand. The existence of generating of an addition or modification is judged (step S151), and it is necessary to read the program recording information 65 at the time of the need, and to change or add No. two or more group generation list at it (step S153). Henceforth, the contents of record of each program are read according to the contents of the changed No. two or more group playback list in addition (step S154 or subsequent ones).

[0089] The example of structure of No. two or more group playback list is explained. First, the playback list information about one program consists of program chains which are the playback information which determines the playback sequence of the playback logical unit cel which reproduces each program as it was explained within the gestalt 1 of operation. Each program chain stores the positional information of a playback cel etc., and storing positional information, playback time amount, etc. of the picture signal for playback of each program or a sound signal are dedicated to each cel. Then, if each playback list information on the program reproduced to coincidence is acquired, information, such as playback time amount, the information about a storing location, etc. are read from the information on each program chain and each program is read in what kind of sequence, it will compute whether it becomes efficient. If the storing location in a record medium 64 reads to the track buffer etc. continuously closely, the method of read-out whose futility decreases, the read-out sequence of the efficient program chain by the playback hour entry of each program, etc. will be determined, and No. two or more group playback list information which includes the playback list information on two or more programs

will be independently generated newly with the playback list of each programs.

[0090] Since read-out according to the coincidence playback list on condition of carrying out the coincidence playback of the No. two or more group by generating a No. two or more group playback list, and reading two or more contents of record from the contents read-out means 63 of record according to the generated No. two or more group playback list from program recording information, in order to carry out the coincidence playback of two or more selected programs with the gestalt 4 of this operation can perform, it has the effectiveness that it can access to a record medium efficiently.

[0091] furthermore, the contents conclusion \*\*\*\*\* of record of each program by which does not read only the contents of record of a certain program collectively, but coincidence playback is carried out as another configuration -- it can also constitute like. The contents read-out means 63 of record is read in the form where the contents of record of each program were summarized, and is transmitted to the contents distribution means 64 of record at a high speed. In order to transmit two or more programs collectively, the device for identifying the contents of record of each program is performed. For example, the contents of record which consist of the contents of record of each program and information for discernment transmit. As an example of identification information, an identification code is added according to the contents of record, or the approach of exchanging recognition signals before a transfer of the contents of record of each program is taken. And it constitutes so that it may distribute to the contents of record for every program according to identification information. These are examples of implementation which time improvement in the speed further about read-out and a transfer.

[0092] According to the gestalt of operation of this invention, the contents of record of two or more programs currently recorded are read to coincidence above. Have a program playback means to reproduce the read signal for every program, and the playback information on each reproduced program to origin The program regenerative apparatus which realizes the program playback approach that it was suitable for the coincidence playback in which the dual output of the voice of No. two or more group according to coincidence playback and a voice output terminal is possible in the image of No. two or more group on the same screen can be offered.

[0093]

[Effect of the Invention] In reproducing two or more programs to coincidence as mentioned above according to this invention, the contents of record of No. two or more grouping are read. In order to determine coincidence playback conditions, such as the number of programs reproduced to coincidence, to distribute the contents of record according to a program, to generate each regenerative signal according to the contents of record divided according to the program and to generate an output signal according to coincidence playback conditions, Performing the playback check of No. two or more group to coincidence can offer the program regenerative apparatus which can be performed easily and which realizes the program playback approach of having strengthened the regenerative function.

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[Translation done.]



【効率の属する技術分野】 本研究は、放送番組等を番組別に記録した記録媒体の再生時において、複数番組を同時に再生する番組再生装置及び番組再生方法に関するものである。

タクタイミングによる記録時間で記録を行った複数の番組から同時に任意の複数の番組再生をはかるものであった。従って、記録する番組によって、高精細で単位時間あたりの記録信号量の多い番組と、長時間録画を行い単位時間あたりの記録信号量の少ない番組等を同時に再生するときには、同時に再生数以上からなるクロックタイミングがかかるデータの読み出しでは、一方で必要ないデータの読み出し不足等が発生する可能性があり、単位時間あたりの記録信号量が異なる番組の複数同時再生には問題が発生し得るという問題点があつた。

【1000】本実明では、上記従来の問題点を解決するもので、記録媒体に記録された圧縮率等の異なる複数の番組から同時に再生できる番組を選択して、各々の各記録内容を別々のタイミングで読み出し、番組別に記録内容を分配した各々記録番組に対して圧縮信号の伸縮再生を行うため、利用者が記録圧縮比率等を考慮せども、任意の複数の番組を同時にみながら特定のシーン等を見逃さない再生を行うことができる利便性をはかつた装置を提供することを目的とする。

【課題を解決するための手段】この目的を達成するための手段を解説するための手段は、再生番組を選択する番組選択の手手段と、記録媒体から通常再生番組の再生速度以上で記録内容を読み出す記録内容分離出手手段と、読み出された前記記録内容を番組別に分離する記録内容分配手段と、分配された前記記録内容に基づいて再生画像信号を生成する番組選択再生手段と、生成された前記再生画像信号から同一画面領域内に同時に再生する映像信号を生成する映像信号抽出手段とからなり、複数の番組から再生番組を選択して、番組別に記録内容を分配した各記録番組の伸縮再生を行うため、同一画面で複数番組を同時に再生確認できる。

【発明の実施の形態】本発明の第1の発明は、再生装置を構成する部品選択手段と、記録媒体から通常再生速度の倍速以上で記録内容を読み出す記録内容読出手段と、読み出された前記記録内容を番組別に分配する記録内容分配手段と、分配された前記記録内容に基づいて再生画像信号を生成する番組再生手段と、生成された前記再生画像信号から同時に再生される映像信号を生成する映像信号出力手段とを備えるもので、複数の番組から再生装置に記録内容を分配して生成する映像信号出力手段を選択して、番組別に記録内容を再生する部品選択手段と、各々記録装置の伸張再生を行った結果から同一画面内に映し出す映像信号を出力するため、同時に同一画面で複数の番組の再生確認を行うことができるという作用を有する。

【0009】本発明の第2の発明は、第1の発明に從属する発明であって、記録内容分配手段により番組別に有する部品選択手段と、記録内容を記録装置に記録する部品選択手段とに記録内容を分配し、各々の前記番組

生能能であるため、複数番組の同時再生の制限が少ないとする。 [0010] 本発明の第3の差明は、第1の差明に從属する発明であって、記録内容分配手段により番組別に記録内容を分派し、番組再生手段内で再生処理を時間分割して、分割時間内で單一の記録内容を再生し、分配数に合せ、させた画面サイズ変更処理を施した再生画像信号を出力することにより、各々の記録内容を番組別にメモリ等に格納することにより、再生ができるという作用を有する。

[0011] 本発明の第4の差明は、第2及び第3の差明に從属する。従って構成部品点数の削減をはじめとする効果がある。従って構成部品点数の削減をはじめとする効果がある。 [0012] 本発明の第5の差明は、第1の差明に從属する。

明に正確であると明確であつて、同時に複数個の番組を再生する際に、番組選択手段により複数個の番組表示によることで、番組選択手段に記録内容番号等を付与する。記録内容番号等に対する記録内容の読み出しを一時停止されない限り、選択された特定画面のみの再生を解除する。したがって、記録内容番号等に対する記録内容の読み出しを一時停止しても、他の一時停止してある番組の再生を再開できる。すなはち、すぐに他の一時停止してある番組の再生を再開できるという作用を有する。

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【001.3】本発明の第6の差明は、第2及び第3の発明に従属性する発明であつて、記録内容読み出しが同一番組に対して一定時間間隔で複数回数同時に読み出して再生成しているときに、番組選択手段により特定の表示画面を選択すれば、前記記録内容分離手段が選択されてない他の番組出しと分離を停止し、前記映像信号出力手段が選択された番組の映像信号のみを出力することにより、ある番組内で特定のシーンを探し、そこから再生を行いたいような場合、特定のシーンが見つかればそのシーンから再生する画面のみを有効とすることができる。【001.4】本発明の第7の差明は、再生番組を選択するための番組選択手段と、記録媒体本体から通常再生速度以上で記録内容を読み出す記録内容読み出手段と、読み出された前記記録内容を番組別に分配する記録内容分配手段

と、分配された前記記録内容に基づいて再生声信号を生成する再生手段と、生成された前記再生声信号を入力し出力設定を行った音声信号を出力する音声信号出力手段とを備えるもので、複数の番組から再生番組別に記録内容を分離した各自記録装置を連続して、番組別に記録内容を分離した各自記録装置の再生を行い番組再生装置にある音声出力端子から、利用者が設定した番組別の音声を同時にに出力できる。

と、分配された前記記録内容に基づいて再生音声信号を生成する複数再生手段と、生成された前記再生音声信号を入力カaptorし出力設定を行った音信号を出力する音信号出力手段とを備えるもので、複数の音部から再生音信号を複数個選択して、収録別に記録内容を分離した各自を

と、分配された前記記録内容に基づいて再生音声信号を生成する組合音声再生手段と、生成された前記再生音信号を入力とした音声信号を出力する音声信号出力手段とを備えるもので、複数の群組から再生音声信号を組合して、番組別に番組内容を分配した各々配線

【0015】本発明の第8の発明は、第7の発明に從属する発明であつて、記録内容分配手段により各番組別に音声再生手順に記録内容を分配し、各々の前記番組音声再生手順内で同一の記録内容から各々の再生音声再生手順内で同一の記録内容から各々の再生音声再生手順に記録内容を分配して、各々が再生を行うことにより、番組ごとに単位時間あたりの圧縮方式、圧縮比や配分割合を変更する。また、各々が再生に必要な要な読み出し要求を出せるため、複数番組の同時再生の制限削減が少ないという作用を有する。

【0016】本発明の第9の発明は、第7の発明に從属する発明であつて、記録内容分配手段により各番組別に記録内容を分配し、番組音声再生手順内で再生処理を時間分割し、分割時間内で同一の記録内容から各々の再生音声再生手順で再生音声信号を生成して、特定の番組に対する前記再生音声信号の再生時間を有効化することにより、同時に再生されている番組のうちの1つの番組についてのみ音声出力を行い、他の再生番組についてはその間音声出力なしを行うことが可能であるので、同時再生中の各番組の音声を確実に聞き比べる比較試験等を実現しやすいという作用を有する。

【0017】本発明の第10の発明は、第8及び第9の発明に從属する発明であつて、同時に複数個の番組の再生を実現する時ににおいて、番組選択手段により特定番組の単独再生が選択された時に記録内容分配手段が選択されなかつた記録内容の音声出しと分配手段を一時中止し、音声信号出力手段からの音声出力を取りやめて選択された番組の音声出力に切り替えることにより、選択された特定番組の音声再生を実現するためには前記番組選択情報から複数番組再生手段を中止すれば、すぐに他の一時停止してある番組の再生を再開できるという作用を有する。

【0018】本発明の第11の発明は、第1及び第7の発明に從属する発明であつて、記録媒体に番組毎の番組選択記録情報を有し、番組選択手段が選択された複数の番組を同時に再生する際に前記番組選択情報から複数番組再生手段を生成功し、生成された前記複数番組再生リストに従って、記録内容読み出し手段から複数の記録内容を読み出すことにより、複数番組を同時に再生することを前提とした同時に再生リストに従つた読み出しができるため、効率よく記録媒体に記録された番組の再生を実現する。

【0019】本発明の第12の発明は、第1の発明に從属する発明であつて、記録媒体に番組毎の番組選択情報と番組選択手段が記録媒体に記録された番組の再生を参照し表示画像情報を同一箇所から順に表示する。また、前記番組選択情報を有し、番組選択手段が記録媒体に記録された番組の再生を実現する手段が番組再生手段に連絡する。

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デコードした結果は、バッファメモリ部2.1に再び格納される。映像出力としてNTSC方式の出力を想定すれば、1秒間に約30枚の画像を生成する必要がある。まずは最初の1枚の画面のデータ処理がなされる(ステップS1.2.1)。

【003.7】 同時翻再生数が1であれば、バッファメモリ部2.1に格納された再生画像信号をそのまま映像信号号出力手段1.8に出力すればよい。しかし同時に複数再生が複数ある場合は、画面サイズを変更する(ステップS1.2.2)。これは同一画面に複数の再生画面を表示するため、各々の画面サイズを縮小する必要があるからである。例えば、同時に4番組を再生し、各画面が重ならないように表示するには、縦×横の表示領域をそれぞれ半分半分とし、面積で4分の1の画面サイズに変更する。そこで垂直方向は、走査線の割り引きを行うことによって実現する。この垂直方向の割り引きに際し、垂直信号に対してシローバースフィルタ等がからなる垂直フィルタを用いて、折り返しスペックトルリパラフィルタ効率を防ぐ。一方、水平方向については、ロードマスクを有する水平フィルタを介したうえでデータを閲覧引くことでも実現できるが、画面を構成するバッファメモリ部2.1の一帧をフレームドメモリにて解碼し、書き込みクロックと読み出しクロックの倍数を変えて、水平フィルタを介したあとにデータの書き込みを行へ、書き込みに対して読み出しを高速にこなすことによってデータを圧縮する方法もある。このような方法で画像信号処理部2.3にて画面サイズ等の変更処理を行う(ステップS1.2.3)。

【003.8】 変更された再生画像信号は、画像信号処理部2.3から映像信号号出力手段1.8へ出力される(ステップS1.2.4)。なお、再生画像信号号が出力される前に記録内容分配手段1.1から映像出力情報が映像信号号出力手段1.8に伝えられ、映像出力情報の例として、同一画面内の出力方位置、出力カラーバイズ、複数番組再生番組が変更されるときにのみ出力される。再生番組信号と同期して絶えず出力する必要はない。まず最初の1画面表示まで映像出力情報が出力されればよい。なお同一画面に複数の番組を重ねあわせるには、各画面が重ならないようにより画面サイズを変更する方法、代表的な方法がある。番組選択手段1.2にて複数番組の画面の表示方法も選択して、記録内容分配手段1.4から選択された表示方法から各表示位置と画面サイズに関する情報を各番組再生手段や映像信号号出力手段1.8に伝える構成となる。

【003.9】 バッファメモリ部2.1には、最初に記録内

オ信号に関する圧縮方式がM P E G方式の場合は、前後の画像を参照しながら1枚の画像を生成するため3枚分相当の情報を保持する缓冲(メモリ)、及  
び画面サイズ変更を行った再生画像信号を格納する容置  
(数百キロバイト程度)が必要である。合計で1つの番組再生手段A 1.5には、2から4メガバイト程度のバッ  
ファメモリ容量が必要である。

【004-01】記録内容分配手段 1.4からバッファメモリ部 2.1に記録内容を転送する方法として、バッファメモリ部 2.1に直接転送する方式(図中点線で示す)でもよいし、ビデオデータ部 2.2を介して転送する方式(図中実線で示す)でも良い。またバッファメモリ部 2.1に書き込まれた記録内容はビデオ信号のみでもよいし、ビデオ信号に音声信号を含んだものでもよい。ビデオデータ部 2.2はビデオ信号のみを有しとし、圧縮ビデオデータ部 2.2はおこなう。

【004-01】まだ映像信号出力手段 1.8への出力形式として、再生画像信号を1画面の各画素の色相と濃度を示すビットマップ信号で出力する形式(以下「ビットマップ等の信号」と呼ぶ)、映像信号出力手段 1.8内の画像信号は、最も良い、画質信号を保つ形態である。しかし直角、映像信号出力手段 1.8からの映像信号は、映像信号出力手段 1.8内で良い、映像信号出力手段 1.8からの映像信号は、どちらの構成であっても、映像信号出力手段 1.8からみれば、画面サイズ等が変更された再生画像信号が出来ればよい。複数の画面の外観は映像信号出力手段 1.8内で合成される。

【004-02】映像信号出力手段 1.8は、出力された映像信号を元に、出力する映像信号を同一の映像信号を生成する。ここでは複数の番組画面から、同一画面に出力する映像信号が生成される、これには映像信号を転送する方法でも良い、ビデオプレーンを同時に複数画面を再生する方法でも良い。どちらの構成であっても、映像信号を用いることによって実現できる。映像信号を出力する構成とともに再生した映像信号を同一画面に再生した映像信号を、N T S C方式のアナログ信号出力や、R G B信号等、テレビやプロジェクト等の映像信号入力方式にあわせた出力形式の映像信号として出力する。

【004-03】複数の番組再生手段は、1番組を再生する半導体を複数個並べた回路から構成し、再生画像信号を出力する構成となることができる。また複数の番組を同時に再生できる回路と、各々の画像サイズの変換、モリを、外付けもしくは内蔵する構成とすれば、複数組再生手段が再生手段 1.8の同一画面に複数番組の各画面に映像信号出力手段 1.8を1つの画像処理用半導体に搭載することができる。この画像処理用半導体に必要なモリを、外付けもしくは内蔵する構成とすれば、複数組再生手段が再生手段 1.8で実現することになる。

【004-04】同時に複数の番組の再生中に、利用者の力によって、番組選択手段 1.2から指定番組の単獨表

が指示された時には、記録内容分配手段 1.4 から該当する番組以外に対する記録内容の読み出しを一時停止とする。従つて記録内容読み出し手段 1.3 は選択された番組の記録内容のみを読み出す。そして選択された特定番組のみの再生を実現する。画面表示は再生画面の単純表示に変更するか、もしくは複数画面で選択画面のみ再生を続ければ、他の一時停止された番組を並べ替えて選択性を保しながら再生する再生成性に優れている。もちろん記録媒体 1.1 には、パーソナルコンピュータ等でよく使われるハードディスクなども使用することができる。ただし固定されたハードディスク等の着脱不可能、もしくは着脱に手間のかかる記録媒体 1.1 の場合は、記録容量に制限があり、多数の番組を記録するためには、差脱可能な記録媒体 1.1 を使用するほうが、記録容量の制限がなくなり便利である。また D-RAM や DVD-R 等も利用することができる。本発明は、DVD-RAM のような読み出し専用媒体、DV-D-R のように 1 回だけ書き込みをする媒体にも有効であるが、DVD-RAM やハードディスク等の両度でも読み書きできる記録媒体 1.1 に最も有利である。読み書きを行うことが不要な用途においてはハードディスク 1.1 にも適用可能であるが、着脱可能な DVD-RAM のディスクまたは脱可能リムーバブルハードディスクが、番組を記録し、再生できるという目的には適している。

【0048】記録媒体 1.1 からの読み出し速度について説明する。ハードディスク等のインタフェース規格では、Ultra ATA 等の規格があり、Ultra DMA-A モード 2 を用いれば最大伝送速度は 1 秒あたり 3.3 メガバイト（1 秒あたり 300 メガバイト）となる。一方 DVD-RAM ドライブも高速化がはかられ、倍速以上の再生速度を有するドライブも登場させた。DVD で用いられる MPEG 2 の圧縮方式をもつ番組の圧縮信号の平均再生速度を 1 秒あたり 4 メガバイトとすると、8 倍速だと 1 秒あたり 3.2 メガバイトに相当する。さらに、各々の番組を再生する再生速度は最高で 1 秒あたり 1.0 メガバイト程度以下である。複数の番組を再生するにあたっても、Ultra DMA のモード 2 等のインタフェース仕様を用いれば十分余裕がある。読み出し記録内容を書き出すバッファメモリを SDRAM 等の高速にアクセスできるメモリとし、16 ビットバスで構成すればバイト換算で 1 秒あたり数百メガバイトで読み書きでき、アクセス速度に問題は発生しない。DVD-RAM ドライブと同様にして、DVD-RAM ディスクを再生するドライブについても高速化がはかられている。なお、複数番組を同時に再生できることが想定されている。なるが、複数同時再生する場合には、数十メガビットまでの読み出しが可能であるため、DVD-RAM の番組の記録内容を一度ハードディスクや大量の半導体メモリ等に書き込んで読み出すことによって複数の番組の記録内容を同時に読み出すことが可能である。

【0047】DVD-RAM は、映画番組等の映像や音

できる。もちろんハードディスクだけでも、複数の番組

された番組から順に属性数の番組を選択して再生することができます。これも最近に記録した番組を「記録した事実」から選択して再生する機能です。もちろん記録媒体1に記録した番組を、それを一度消しても、その番組がいつでも再生できるように保つべき番組かどうかを半自動的に判断する条件付けができるのです。次回の記録のための空き容量を確保するための番組内容を確認して利用できる。

記録媒体 1 から、複数の番組を同時に再生について説明しておきながら、複数のドライブで解凍すれば、さらに同時に再生可能な番組数が増加することはないうまでない。ただし、本発明は 1 枚の記録媒体 1 に記録された複数の番組からでも、複数の番組を同時に再生できる番組再生装置について説明する。

【0058】さらに、番組記録情報に出演者等の情報を含まれれば、以下のアプリケーションを実行することができる。例えば、各番組の出演者に関する選択肢があり、番組選択手段12を介して選択すれば、ある特定の出演者が登場する番組のみを複数同時に再生することができる。さらには登場シーン等が時間指定されれば、再生開始時点から時間遅りを行った地点を各自呼び出して同時に再生開始するアプリケーションにも適用できる。

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情報（登場開始時間と登場期間等）が必要である。さらに、先に選択した出演者と異なる出演者を選択すれば、同時に再生可能な番組を選択し、その中の時間情報を読み、確定された最終的な再生順序を示す。

し、再生時の情報を付加して番組録画情報に書き込むことを許す構成とすれば、下記の展開が生じる。例えば、番組記録情報の追加変更を可能とするため、記録媒体1-1には、DVD-RAMやハードディスク等の何れでも書き換えができる記録メディアがあらわしい。例えば、番組記録情報として各番組に再生日時情報、再生回数情報、前回の再生箇所情報等を有すれば以下のような制御が可能となる。

ーンを時間情報としてわっていれば、特定者が登場するシーンにて画面の拡大を自動で行ったりすることもできる。番組選択手段 1.2 は、番組組成情報を参照した詳細情報を利用者に提供し、次検索条件内機能を持たせるこ<sup>1</sup>ともできる。次検索条件内機能を用いれば、希望する番組の選択や目標とするシーン再生がさらに容易になる。もちろん複数の番組についても有効である。これら各種のアプローチで、各番組信号を単独で組み合わせにより、非常に手軽にされた。

**[0059] (実施の形態2)** 図5は本発明の実施の形態2による番組再生方法を用いる番組再生装置の内の構成要素の1つである番組再生手段を示すプロック図である。図5において、311は記録内容出力手段から読み出した複数の番組の記録内容を番組別に記録した記録手段、312は記録内容分配手段、313は記録内容に分離された記録内容をハルクとし再生を行うため番組別に分配すれば記録内容を分配手段を行う。

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【図 05-7】まだ記録媒体 1 内の番組毎に有する番組情報

記録情報のうち圧縮閱覧情報を参照した番組選択を行なう。  
番組選択手段 1: 番組記録情報  
2: が記録媒体 1 に記録された番組から、番組記録情報を参照して表示する。どちらもしくは類似とした番組から

【0060】番組再生手段3 2には、分配された番組毎の記録B 3-7を保存するバッファメモリA 3-6、バッファメモリB 3-7、バッファメモリC 3-8と、これらの各バッファメモリに接続された各々の番組の録画内容の再生処理を時間分割し、分割時間内での録画内容から記録内容を再生し、各番組の再生画像信号を生成するビデオ部である。

具体的には画像圧縮方式や画像の解像度によっては、各番組の番組再生手段で失敗であれば、各番組の番組再生手段を参照する。また圧縮方式が統一されれば、統一された場合よりデータによる負荷を予測しやすくなるため、記録内容読出手段1-1等のトラックバッファの空間に特定定数の番組を選択する。例では表示にあり表示画像情報の共有化が行われる。

【010】再生手順の構成の違いと、記録内容分割手段 3.1から組再生手順 3.2の各バッファメモリに対し直接各部組番号情報を信号を分配数に合わせた画面サイズ変更処理を施す画像信号処理部 3.5から構成される。

世の低減化等をほかる三事がぞきる。

「ながれ、記録媒体」による音楽選択手段乙、記録内容

【0058】さらに、番組記録

読み出手段13は図1に示した構

【0054】撮影制限情報を設けてあれば、利用者毎に雄認に利用できる。

口ができる。例えば、各番組の出演者に関する選択肢があり、番組選手投票1・2を介して選択すれば、ある特定の出演者が登場する番組のみを複数同時に再生することができる。さらには登場シーン等が時間指定されいれば、再生開始時点から時間通りを行った地点を各々呼び出して同時に再生開始するアプリケーションにも適用できる。

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から順に特定数の番組を選択すれば、よくみる番組が最も温まって再生されれば、どちら順に再生することができる。一方最も温まって再生されれば、どのような番組を記憶していたか、再生の體験があること、何回記憶することができる。また再生回数を参照することで、いつまで再生したいという要望が多いと想定できる番組は、番組の記録履歴ですぐできてしまう。特に複数の番組が少ない場合は、番組の記録履歴ですぐできない。ただし、複数の番組が少ない場合は、番組の記録履歴ですぐできない。

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なった時の消す候補にあげることができる。また前回と  
ここまで生れたかという再生情報を設ければ、再生途中で中断した番組を瞬時に特定選択して再生することも可能である。

【図 05-7】まだ記録媒体 1 内の番組毎に有する番組情報

記録情報のうち圧縮閱覧情報を参照した番組選択を行なう。  
番組選択手段 1: 番組記録情報  
2: が記録媒体 1 に記録された番組から、番組記録情報を参照して表示する。

【0060】番組再生手段3 2には、分配された番組毎の記録B 3-7を保存するバッファメモリA 3-6、バッファメモリB 3-7、バッファメモリC 3-8と、これらの各バッファメモリに接続された各々の番組の録画内容の再生処理を時間分割し、分割時間内での録画内容から記録内容を再生し、各番組の再生画像信号を生成するビデオ部である。

具体的には画像圧縮方式や画像の解像度によっては、各番組の番組再生手段で失敗であれば、各番組の番組再生手段を参照する。また圧縮方式が統一されれば、統一された場合よりデータによる負荷を予測しやすくなるため、記録内容読出手段1-1等のトラックバッファの空間に特定定数の番組を選択する。例では表示にあり表示画像情報の共有化が行われる。

【010】再生手順の構成の違いと、記録内容分割手段 3.1から組再生手順 3.2の各バッファメモリに対し直接各部組番号情報を信号を分配数に合わせた画面サイズ変更処理を施す画像信号処理部 3.5から構成される。図5には示してあるという構成をとっている点である。図5には示してあるという構成をとっている点である。

世の低減化等をほかる三事がぞきる。

【0061】番組選択手段4.2によって選択された番組情報を、記録内容分配手段4.4に伝へられる。記録内容はまず、バッファメモリ部5.1に蓄えられる。そこでバッファメモリ部5.1から音声信号の再生に必要な縮退情報及びオーディオ用の番組信号である圧縮オーディオ信号を読み出す。圧縮オーディオ信号の再生には、オーディオ符号化方式(例として、ドルビーデジタルやMPEG1やMPEG2等の圧縮方式、リニアPCM方式等)、サンプリング周波数、量化ビット率等の圧縮関連情報を用いて、圧縮オーディオ信号を伸張し復元化する。圧縮オーディオ信号はデジタル信号として再生される。さらに音声信号は番組音声再生手段A.5等に伝えられ、初期設定情報を番組音声再生手段A.5等に伝えられる。さらに音声信号出力方式を設定する。具体例としては、音声信号出力手段4.8からの音声信号出力に必要な出力音声方式や出力端子数と番組の出力端子位置を決定する。

10 ら構成する。記録内容分配手段4.4から分配された記録内容はまず、バッファメモリ部5.1に蓄えられる。そこでバッファメモリ部5.1から音声信号の再生に必要な縮退情報及びオーディオ用の番組信号である圧縮オーディオ信号を読み出す。圧縮オーディオ信号の再生には、オーディオ符号化方式(例として、ドルビーデジタルやMPEG1やMPEG2等の圧縮方式、リニアPCM方式等)、サンプリング周波数、量化ビット率等の圧縮関連情報を用いて、圧縮オーディオ信号を伸張し復元化する。圧縮オーディオ信号はデジタル信号として再生される。さらに音声信号は番組音声再生手段A.5等に伝えられ、初期設定情報を番組音声再生手段A.5等に伝えられる。さらに音声信号出力方式を設定する。具体例としては、音声信号出力手段4.8からの音声信号出力に必要な出力音声方式や出力端子数と番組の出力端子位置を決定する。

【0067】そして記録内容読み出手段4.3によつて、記録媒体4.1から各番組の記録内容のみが開始され  
る。この記録内容読み出手段4.3のトランクバッファに各  
番組の記録内容を一時待避し、転送要求があれば記録内  
容分配手段4.4に転送する。記録内容分配手段4.4に拠  
り、例えば番組Aに対する記録内容は番組音声再生手段  
A.4.5に、番組Bに対する記録内容は番組音声再生手段  
B.4.6に転送される。各番組音声再生手段内には、バッフ  
アメモリを有し、番組を途切れなく再生するために必要  
な記録内容を格納する。この記録内容はニアPCM方  
式等(DA変換したアナログ信号方式でもよい)で、記  
録媒体4.1に音信号出力部5.3から出力される。

【0072】ハンドメモリ部5-1は、鏡面に記録内容を読み出す方法である。	【0073】記録内容分配手段4からバッファメモリ部5-1に記録内容を転送する方法として、バッファメモリ部5-1に直接転送する方式(図中点線で示す)でも、オーディオコード部5-2を介して転送する方がいいし、オーディオコード部5-2でも良い。またバッファメモリ部(図中実線で示す)でも良い。また記録内容は圧縮オーディオ信号のみに書き込まれた記録内容は圧縮オーディオ信号のみもよいし、圧縮オーディオ信号に圧縮ビデオ信号を含む場合がある。
【0068】各番組が再生され、各番組記録手段内のバッファメモリ内の記録内容が減少すれば、次の記録内容の読み出しを各々要求する。各々の番組再生間で同期をとらざる、次の再生に必要な記録内容を必要時に要する。各番組の記録内容を並列的に再生するにあたり、記録媒体4-1内からの読み出し指令は記録内容分配手段4	30 部5-1に記録内容を転送する方法として、バッファメモリ部5-1に直接転送する方式(図中点線で示す)でも、オーディオコード部5-2を介して転送する方がいいし、オーディオコード部5-2でも良い。またバッファメモリ部(図中実線で示す)でも良い。また記録内容は圧縮オーディオ信号のみに書き込まれた記録内容は圧縮オーディオ信号のみもよいし、圧縮オーディオ信号に圧縮ビデオ信号を含む場合がある。
【0069】モジュラリ化によって各記録内容を読み出す必要がある。	

4が相当する。各番組の記録位置情報や、番組の読み出しが可能となる。記録内容分配手段4-4にて行う。記録削除制御はすべて記録内容分配手段4-4にて行う。記録内容読出手段4-3は、記録内容分配手段4-4からの指令により記録媒体4-1から各記録内容を高速に読み出す役割である。また番組音声再生手段4-5は、実際に再生に必要な情報のみが入力される。

【0069】次に番組音声再生手段4-5内の処理内容について説明する。図7は、本発明の実施の形態3における番組再生装置内の1つの番組音声再生手段の構成例を示すブロッケーションである。

【0070】番組音声再生手段A-4-5は、例えば記録内容から仕事データや音楽データなどをコードするオーディオ信号を入力する。番組音声再生手段A-4-5は、例えは記録内

【0104】音声出力端子が複数個あり、例えはヘッドフォンを2つも接続できる。音声出力端子には、同時に再生する番組の用の端子が複数ある場合には、同時に再生する車両ができます。ヘッドフォンを2つも接続できる。音声出力端子には、同時に再生する番組の用の端子が複数ある場合には、同時に再生する車両ができます。ヘッドフォンを2つも接続できる。

ン出力に限らず、番組毎の出力端子を有する場合も同様である。一方單一番組用の再生出力端子しか有しない番組再生装置の場合には、同時に再生番組からの再生音声信号を加算して出力することができる。音声加算の場合には、どの番組を優先して（音量を大きく）再生するかについては番組選択手段4の入力に依て予め設定しておき、再生番組の音量情報を記録内容分量手段4を介して伝えればよい。複数機の複数スピーカーに接続できる端子を持つ場合には、複数スピーカーからの端子を併用してある場合はスピーカー毎に音声力を振り分けることのできる。従って利用者が設定した番組別に音声を同時に出力できる。

【0078】また記録媒体1内の番組毎の番組記録情報のうち正確な開通情報から首声出力に関する首声出力情報を参照した番組選択を行く装置再生装置を構成することができる。番組選択手段4が記録媒体4に記録された番組のうちから、番組記録情報を探し音声出力方式の番組が同一でもしくは類似した番組を順次選択する。具体的にはサンプリング周波数や母子化ビット等の情報を参照する。サンプリング周波数等の番組を選択する。各番組音声再生手段で共通であれば、各番組音声再生手段によっては、各番組音声再生手段に音声を同

10075 記録内容分配手段 4.4 により番組別の各番組音声再生手段に記録内容を分配する構成であれば、各番組音声再生手段間で異なる圧縮方式の記録内容であつても問題ない。各々の番組音声再生手段内、單一の記録内容から再生を行い、各々の再生音声信号から音声信号出力手段 4.8 によって出力端子設定による音声信号を出力することにより、番組ごとに単位時間あたりの圧縮方式や記録情報量の異なる記録内容に対しても、各々が再生に必要な範囲を出し要求を出せるために、複数番組が複数個同時に複数音声再生可能である。

10076 1 同時に複数個の番組の再生中に、利用者の音声選択操作が発生した場合、音声再生装置は該操作に応じて音声信号を再生する。

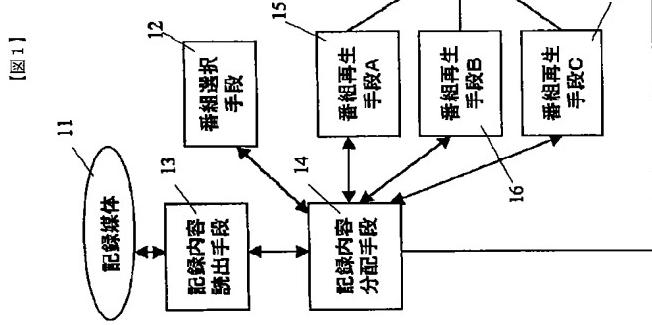
入力によって、番組選出手段 C 4 やから再生手段の單屈音  
声出力が指示された時には、記録内容分配手段 4 から  
該当する番組に於ける該録内容の全部み出しを一時停  
止とする。以て記録内容読み出手段 3 は選択された番  
組のみの記録内容を読み出して選択された特定装置のみ  
の再生を経る。音声出力端子からは、單屈音の音声  
のみが再生される。これは再生が一時停止される。このよ  
うな機能を有すれば、同時再生中の番組で特定の番組の  
シーンのみ再生したいときには便利である。一方で一時停  
止された番組の再生はすぐにも再開できるような状態  
で待機する。再生を一時停止しているる番組音声再生手段  
B 4 6 や番組音声再生手段 C 4 7 は、再生情報を保持  
【0079】また音声信号出力手段 4 8 から出力される  
音声信号を I EC 95-8 に定められたビットストリーム  
形式のデジタル信号で出力する端子を設けることでもでき  
る。この端子に接続されたアンプ側においても、各々の  
番組の音声出力条件が同時に再生中の番組間で変化しなけ  
れば、再生する音楽再生番組を途中で切り替えて、接  
続されたアンプ側の設定を変更することなく、再生を続ける  
られる。サンプリング周波数等の変更による組切り替  
え時のボンズ音の発生等を押さえることができる。  
【0080】さらに、実施の形態 2 で説明した構成を充  
分の再生にも適用することができる。伝統内容分配手段

し、すみやかに再生を開始する。従つて複数番組の再生中で、任意の1番組の再生を選択しても、他の番組を最初からもう一度再生をやり直すことなく番組再生を再開するため、利用者の便宜をはかることができる。

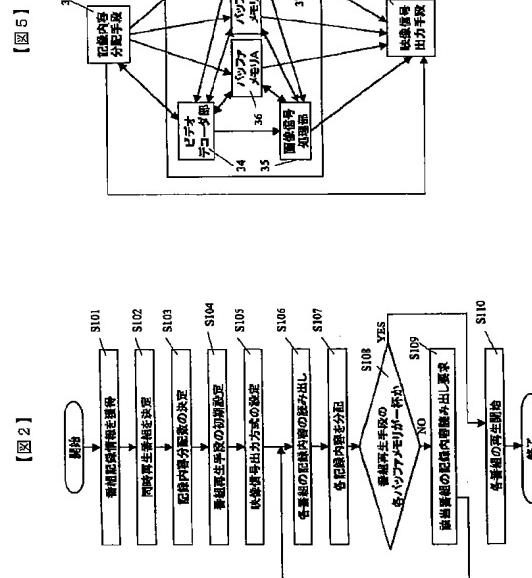
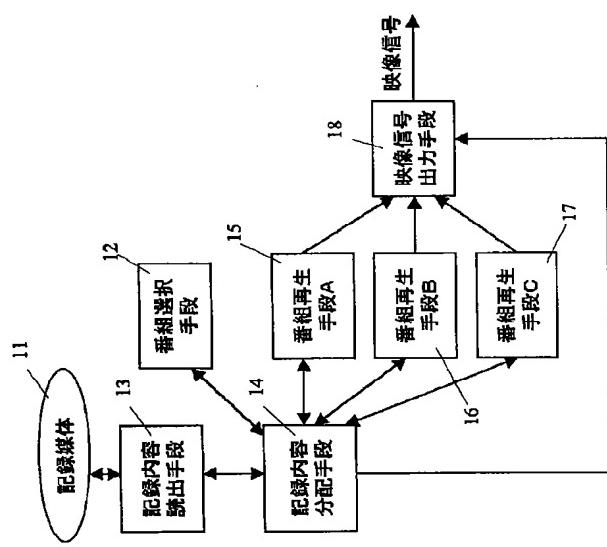
【100-7】まだ記録媒体4内の番組毎の番組録音情報をうらち圧縮履歴情報を参照して番組選択を行う番組再生装置を構成することができる。番組選択手段4.2が記録媒体4.1に記録された番組のうちから、番組録音情報を参照し音声圧縮方式等の情報を同一しくしては類似した番組を選択する。本技術では音声圧縮方式等が各番組再生手段に順に特定数の番組を参照する。圧縮方式等の情報を参照する。圧縮方式等が各番組再生手段に半通り再生手段で半通りであれば、各番組の番組再生にあたり各再生手段で半通りである。

オーディオデコーダ処理等の共有化がはがれる。各々  
一の内容とすることでできるため、パラメータの共有化  
をはかることがができる。また圧縮方式が統一されれば、  
9) 1つの音群についてのみ音声出力を行う。他の再生器



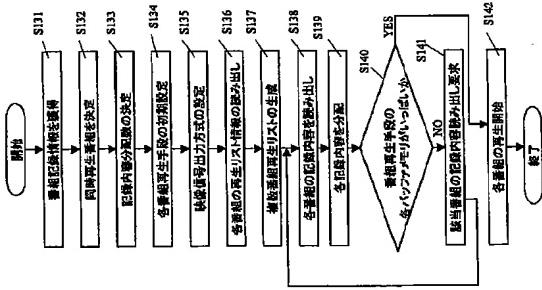


[図1]

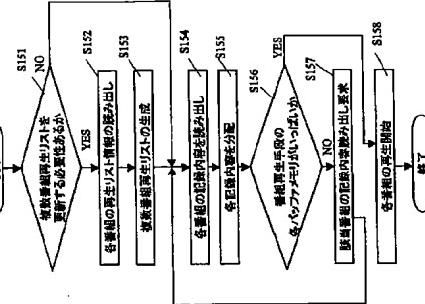
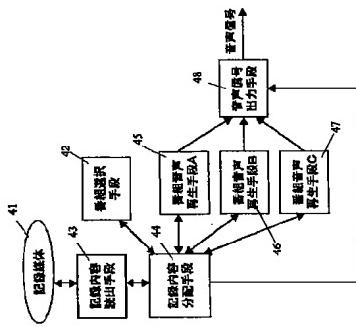


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